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SUBJECT: NPG: HIGH LEVEL GROUP REPORT

REF: (A) SECDEF 7036 (DTG 281514Z MAR 78),
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(H) USNATO 3219 (DTG 291807Z MAR 78), (I) USNATO 3221
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1. AT THE MARCH 30 STAFF GROUP MEETING (REPORTED SEPTEL),
ALL ALLIED REPS WERE ANXIOUS TO LEARN HOW WASHINGTON
PLANNED TO HANDLE THE HLG REPORT, IN LIGHT OF THE COMMENTS
RECEIVED (SEE PARAS 3 AND 4 BELOW). US REP SAID
WASHINGTON WOULD NEED TO EVALUATE THE COMMENTS, AND DE-
TERMINE THE MOST FEASIBLE COURSE OF ACTION, GIVEN THE
TIME CONSTRAINTS TO WHICH ALL ALLIED REPS HAD CALLED
ATTENTION. US REP ALSO ASKED THE ALLIES TO PROVIDE
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PROMPTLY THEIR REACTIONS, IF ANY, TO SECTIONS I-V
OF THE REPORT WHICH WERE INCLUDED IN THE FULL TEXT OF
THE DRAFT REPORT CIRCULATED ON MARCH 29 (REF A).

2. SUBSEQUENT TO THE STAFF GROUP MEETING, UK REP REP
INFORMED US THAT LONDON HAD A FEW LARGELY EDITORIAL
COMMENTS ON SECTIONS I-V. WE WILL FORWARD THESE BY

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SEPTEL. UK REP SAID THAT LONDON STRONGLY HOPED THAT THE HLG REPORT COULD GO FORWARD AS AN AGREED DOCUMENT, RATHER THAN AS A CHAIRMAN'S REPORT. HE SAID LONDON HAD DELIBERATELY OFFERED MINIMAL COMMENTS IN ORDER TO AVOID THE NEED FOR THE LATTER APPROACH.

3. FOR THE RECORD, WE HAVE TRANSMITTED THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS TO WASHINGTON, WHICH ARE PRINCIPALLY KEYED TO SECTIONS VI AND VII (REF B) OF THE HIGH LEVEL GROUP'S REPORT: UK (REF C); FRG (REF D); CANADA (REF E); NORWAY (REF F); GREECE (REF G); DENMARK (REF H); AND INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF (REF I). WE ARE INFORMED THAT SHAPE HAS FORWARDED COMMENTS DIRECTLY TO ISA.

4. ITALIAN REPRESENTATIVE INFORMED US THAT HIS AUTHORITIES IN ROME RECEIVED SECTIONS VI AND VII (REF H) OF THE DRAFT HLG REPORT ONLY ON THE EVENING OF MARCH 29. THUS, HE DID NOT KNOW IF THEY WOULD HAVE COMMENTS. NETHERLANDS REPRESENTATIVE INFORMED US THAT THE HAGUE WOULD HAVE NO COMMENTS. WE HAVE RECEIVED NO COMMENTS FROM THE REMAINING NPG DELEGATIONS.

5. WE WILL PROVIDE OUR SUGGESTIONS ON FURTHER HANDLING OF THE HLG REPORT BY SEPTEL. BENNETT

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